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I understand that you are supporting the Irradiation Bill #98N-1038.

Please STOP THIS BILL.

I see no compelling health reason for the irradiation of our food. In fact, it appears that irradiation of food kills all bacteria, both good and bad bacteria. Without certain bacteria, the body will no longer be able to digest food and/or operate properly. There have, in fact many long-term problems associated with radiation.

During the 40's & 50's it was common practice for doctors to "irradiate" their patients to get rid of growths and tumors of various types. Subsequent research has shown that the vast majority of these people have died as a result of one type of cancer or another. (Most common were polyps in the nose)

While I'm quite sure there are "financial" considerations for this ungodly procedure, I KNOW that if we sacrifice our health for finance, we will not be able to enjoy the profits we/you/they receive because of failing health. If you irradiate all foods and do not give the public the information required (another cost factor) for each piece of food irradiated, for how long, under what level of radiation, etc. then we take from them one of the factors that has made America great - choice. Americans MUST be able to choose based upon full disclosure of the facts. The FDA is not aware of all of the facts nor is anyone else. This is simply playing "Russian Roulette" with the health of the American People. You MUST NOT and CAN NOT endanger the health of our nation with this "profit" centered legislative action.

PLEASE STOP THIS BILL # 98N-1038 NOW

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